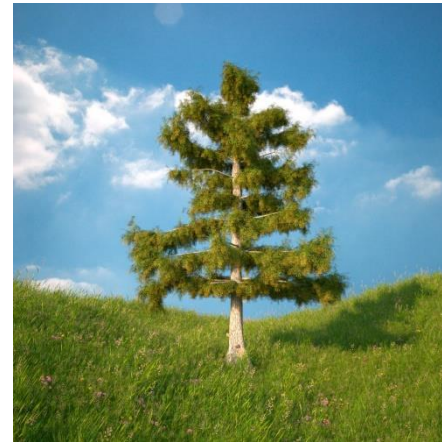


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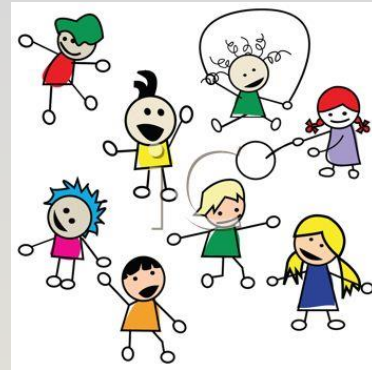
Welcome to Year 4  
Cedar Class



# About Me

- I have been a Primary teacher for 6 years and before that I worked as a sports coach.
- I relocated to Harpenden from Birmingham in July and started at the Grove Junior!
- Previously I worked in a 6/7 form entry school in Birmingham as a Phase leader and Maths lead.
- This year I am the Year 4 leader and
- English lead.
- I am a keen tennis player and looking for a new club to join?!





# Our Teaching Assistant is: Mrs George Watt

- She already knows many of the children through her lunchtime supervisor role and from working with the class at the beginning of last year as a TA.
- Is very experienced having worked with a range of year groups.



# Speaking to the Teacher

- If you need to pass a message to me in the morning, please could you write it in your child's planner or let the office know.
- If you wish to speak to me in person, appointments can be made via the office or at the end of the school day.
- If you are concerned or worried about anything please don't hesitate to get in touch!





# Attendance.



- If your child is absent from school a written note is required upon their return in addition to phone calls that may have been made.
- If the downstairs door is closed you are late and will need to register your child at the school office.
- Collection: Collect your child from outside by the outdoor stage and remind them not to wander off. This helps us all to work together to ensure their safety. If home time arrangements change please inform your child's teacher in writing or send an email to the office.



# Behaviour

- As in the rest of the school we expect all children to follow our 3 school behaviours.
- We aim to create a positive learning environment where certificates, stickers, table points and house points may be given.
- We aim to instill a growth mindset attitude
- In addition to this, golden time is given weekly to reward positive behaviours.
- Head teacher awards are given weekly for children who are demonstrating one or more of the 3R's



# The Grove Junior School

## School Behaviours



### The 3 Rs

Respect – Respect ourselves, each other and our environment.

Responsibility – taking responsibility for our actions.

Resilience – to learn from our mistakes and always try our best, even when we find things difficult.



# Uniform

- Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform in school. **All** items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name including black school shoes. This is particularly important due to swimming!
- Long hair must be tied back using a colour co-ordinating hair band/bobble. Clip back long fringes.
- Please ensure that P.E kit is available at all times, with appropriate foot wear. Please note all jewellery should be removed for any physical activity.



# Medical



- Inhalers: Please ensure your child has an in date, named inhaler in school at all times.
- Epipens: Are kept centrally in school.
- Please ensure if your child wears glasses/hearing aid they have them in school daily and that we know about them.
- Inform me/the office of any medical conditions, changes or updates. This is vital particularly for **SWIMMING!**





# Equipment



- Small pencil cases are allowed that will fit in their tray! Items should be labelled with their name. Blue ink pens/handwriting pens not biro!
- Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle every day.
- Healthy snacks are allowed for break times – fresh fruit, vegetables, cereal bars etc. (no nuts)

# Homework



- As in all year groups we set spelling homework on a **Monday every week** and **test on a Friday through dictation**.
- We hand out weekly homework on a **Thursday** and collect it in on the following **Wednesday** at the latest.
- Learning Logs/ Maths homework will be set on alternate weeks. If your child does not complete homework they will be expected to go to homework club or stay in at break unless a letter is provided with a reason.
- Learning logs will be given out over the next few weeks and all homework should be completed/stuck into it (unless otherwise advised or if the homework is 3D?)
- Planners should be filled in **at least three times a week** and will be checked on a **Friday**. Please use a blue pen or pencil. Ideally read with your child (5-10 mins a day)
- We recommend that you listen to your child read and read aloud to your child as often as possible.
- Our Library slot is **Tuesday**.
- TT Rockstars is ongoing homework and children should be using it at home to develop their skills!



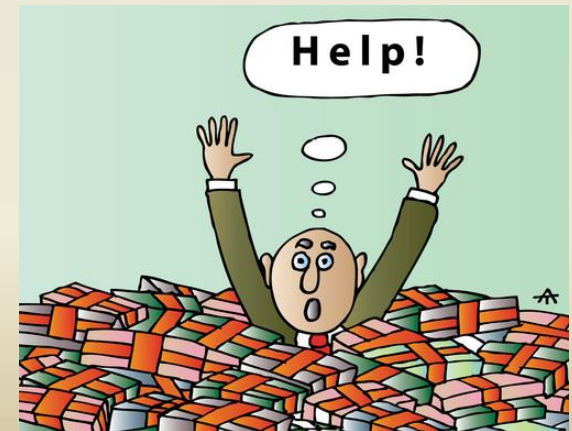
# Swimming



- Please see the swimming dates on the parent helper form at the morning entrance door. Thank you to all the helpers who signed up!
- We will be leaving for swimming at **10.00am**. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, including towel, goggles, full swimming costume(girls), close fitting trunks (boys) and a swimming hat.
- Please provide a healthy nourishing snack on swimming days for children to eat on the journey (fruit, carrot sticks etc.).
- Girls – no tights and trousers in winter if possible!
- Tie long hair back in a single ponytail.
- Ensure we know about all medical conditions.
- Children also need to bring in a plastic bag to put their shoes in.

# How can you help?

- Support your child with:  
Conversation/homework /reading /Times  
Tables/visits /playing games /sport /your time!
- Volunteer- You can help with reading, swimming,  
Art/DT, lunchtimes, special events/weeks, trips,  
PTA.
- Any volunteers for Egyptian Day?  
Peace festival?



# Finally....

- We are all looking forward to a fun and productive year!
- Any general questions?

